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SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON OPA PRICE CEILING AND RATIONING
ORDERS AND FDA FOOD ORDERS ON POULTRY AND EGGS

Attending the conference were representatives of the FDA and OPA and officials from State Agricultural Colleges and Extension Services, State Departments of Agriculture, Farm Security Administrations and State Vocational Agricultural Education Departments. The states represented were Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas.

The following statement and recommendations were unanimously approved and adopted by the entire conference group.

STATEMENT: The members of this conference believe that as a part of the program to stabilize the economy of the nation, it is necessary to have price ceilings and to curb inflation. Believing in these principles, and realizing the difficulties OPA is faced with in carrying out its' price control programs and believing that they are making a sincere effort to stabilize prices, we desire to cooperate with the OPA in establishing workable price ceilings and to cooperate with the FDA in its food order, inspection and grading programs on poultry and eggs.

To accomplish the objectives contained in the above statement, we recommend:

1. That OPA maintain closer relationship with state agricultural agencies and organizations in determining price policies and regulations.
2. That OPA simplify and give more uniform interpretations of its regulations.
3. Inasmuch as the ratio of the price of feed to the price of poultry is out of balance and so unfavorable at the present time that the incentive to produce is being destroyed and production is being retarded, we recommend that feed prices be controlled and a support price for eggs and poultry be established that will guarantee the producer an adequate margin of profit above the cost of production.
4. Inasmuch as there is a shortage of protein concentrates and

supplements and mill feeds at country points, and inasmuch as this shortage will retard the needed production of poultry and eggs, we recommend that the causes of this shortage be determined and steps be taken to make these feeds available to producers.

5. Most of the eggs and poultry in this region are marketed through local handlers and assemblers who do not qualify as wholesalers in the OPA regulations. This results in their margins being deducted from the price paid the farmers. The OPA regulations should be amended to include these necessary handlers and assemblers between the wholesalers and producers in such a manner that the cost of their service will not be deducted from the producers receiving price.
6. Inasmuch as the present policies and practices of OPA permitting each handler of poultry and eggs to determine the grades on which his poultry and eggs are bought and sold under existing price regulations is creating upgrading and other undesirable practices, and threatens to destroy existing Federal and State poultry and egg grading programs and to nullify the objectives of the OPA price ceilings, we recommend that OPA amend its regulations to require all poultry and eggs be designated and sold as "ungraded" or "assorted", except that poultry and those eggs which are graded by an official licensed Government grader and a certificate of inspection issued designating the grade on which the poultry and eggs are being sold under present price regulations.
7. Inasmuch as the U. S. Grade AA for eggs is impractical, we recommend the discontinuance of this grade, and that U. S. Grade A be used as the top grade with an increase in the price ceiling of one cent per dozen on this grade.
8. Inasmuch as at the present time most agricultural agencies and the OPA are presenting separate educational programs, it is recommended that a better coordination of educational programs and material and a centralization of educational efforts and organization within each state be established.

To effectuate this recommendation, the conferees agreed that representatives of groups concerned with the objectives, administration, and educational phases of the OPA egg and poultry price ceiling orders and the FDA egg and poultry orders and inspection and grading services be invited to a meeting to be held in each state. The purpose of the state meeting would be to plan a coordinated educational program that would be directed to producers, handlers and consumers of these products; and as a result of this planning conference steps would be taken to carry out such an

educational program in each state. The FDA was asked to take the lead in calling such meetings.

Based on information concerning similar meetings and proposed coordinated educational programs in other states, it was also agreed that representatives from the groups, agencies and organizations listed on the attached sheet would be invited to attend the state planning conference and take part in the subsequent coordinated educational program.

We believe the above recommendations, which are meant to be constructive, are representative of the feelings of producers and distributors of poultry and eggs in this region.

Suggested list of agencies, organizations and groups to be invited to state conference for planning a coordinated educational program on poultry and egg orders and programs of OPA and FDA:

1. Hatchery and Breeding Association
2. Turkey Growers Association
3. Food Manufacturers Association
4. Co-ops
5. State Veterinarian Association
6. Vocational Agricultural Association
7. State Board of Agriculture
8. State Bankers Association
9. Public Carriers
10. Farm Security Administration
11. Office of Defense Transportation
12. State Nutritional Councils
13. Office of Price Administration
14. State College and Extension Services
15. Grain Associations
16. Farm Bureaus
17. Farmers' Union
18. State Planning Board
19. Food Distribution Administration
20. Consumer Groups
21. Chambers of Commerce
22. War Boards
23. Office of Civilian Defense
24. Food Retailers
25. Agricultural Adjustment Administration
26. Food and Drug Representatives

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